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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tsutomu CHIBA

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FOR:

APPARATUS, METHOD, PROGRAM, AND DATA STRUCTURE FOR ASSISTING PLACING ORDER FOR

MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## **AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 25 of this paper.